

## **Quarterly Buffalo Dixie Shell Hole Bulletin Report: Dated October to December 2021:**



The past two years have been a terrible period of time, not only for the population of the Country but for all of the Members of the various Shell Holes country wide who have been torn apart over the past period of time.

The normal fund raising that is required to keep up the Moth Order and the ideals of; True Comradeship, Mutual Help and Sound Memory, not to mention the upkeep of the various facilities in the Moth Structures, have gone through tough times. The various functions that have been organised by the Old Bill and the Members of the Buffalo Dixie Shell Holes, has been amazing to say the least.

Buffalo Dixie Shell Hole under Old Bill Jannie Bezuidenhout has push forward with numerous fund- raising events that have not always been harmonious but turned out to be great success stories even though the controls set up by the Covert 19 restrictions were a constant hindrance.

I will give a resume of the past quarters fund raising Event's that help tie the Shell Hole over during these trying times.

### **Quiz Night with Moth Chris Becker and Family as Question Master.**



Teams of 4 Members from different Shell Holes with friends or family, face a barrage of quiz questions covering 5 different subjects prepared by the Question Master, end up showing who has it and who does not. Moth Chris and his team have the final word. After three sections have completed, there is supper supplied by the Shell Hole at a nominal price plus refreshments for the dry throats and then back to the drawing board



At the end of the evening, everyone had a great time with some winning cash prizes and some just having fun.

### **Market Day at the Moth Hall**

The Market Day held at the Moth Hall had different stalls supplying anything from Potjie curry and rice to pan cakes and coffee stands, braai meat and many other stalls



A great day was had by all and the MESCA residents enjoyed the day as well.



### **Biker's Breakfast at the MESCA / MOTH Hall. 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

The Buffalo Dixie Shell Hole with the Moth Motor Cycle (MMC) members of Buffalo Dixie and the rest of the Shell Hole Organised the Function where a Patch Badge was sold to each Biker and his pillion passenger with tickets for the Curry and Rice meal, organised and prepared by Stoffel, and tickets for refreshments. The turn-out was impressive with approx. 300 motor cyclists not the mention the other Shell Holds that attended the Breakfast.



A Moth Member with his Moth Badge fixed to his jacket and the Badge designed by the MMA members and the Old Bill (See above). All the Bikers were happy with the badge for their Jacket



Everyone enjoyed the price of the refreshments and the amount of food that they received for their money not to mention the facilities on hand at the Moth Hall.



All the different Motor-cycle club members were showing their Colours and ended up with the MESCA Residents all coming out to see the spectacle and to share in the good times including the “burn outs” and revving. The Crowd assured the Old Bill that they would be back come 2022.

### **Midnight Bikers Club Market Day 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021**



The Buffalo Dixie Shell Hole organised Bikers Market Day that was held at the Midnight Bikers Premises and the Moth members all assisted with the measuring and marking of the stands and the manning of the Entrance Gate

and assisted anyone who required the Moth Members assistance. Stoffel once again came to the fore with a massive Potjie pot of Curry and rice which really looked as if he was feeding the Nation and many people even asked for seconds and some to take away.



Members and visitors sitting outside on the deck overlooking the lake



The Buffalo Dixie Team that worked tirelessly through the day to make this a success and the Moth regalia up for all to see and there were a number of potential new recruits ready to sign up with Buffalo Dixie Shell Hole.

The Pipe Band thrilled everyone with their Scottish dances and their parade back and forward on the Grass patch



Stoffel standing guard over his potjie pot with another great meal . Moth Dave Rankin The Pipe Band also kept the people entertained in the Pub and the outside Deck with the Bagpipes , drums and Scottish Dancers.

Another great success.

### **Old Bill Jannie Receiving the Recruitment Trophy**



Old Bill Jannie Bezuidenhout receiving the Trophy for the most recruits in 2021 from District Old Bill Ray Glover and Buffalo Dixie is aiming to beat this in 2022.

**Tobruk Parade/ Al Alamein / Remembrance Parade and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Parade.**



The Parade at the Cenotaph was held with the Caledonian Pipe Band led the parade. The Cenotaph had to be scrubbed clean before the parade as vandals painted the Monument and damaged the brick work but a work team of Moth Members brought the Monument back to its former glory before the parade. Well done to all involved.



The Tobruk Parade and the Al Alimain parades were well turned out with various different Shell holes on Parade with Sgt Major Moth Chris Becker in charge of the parade.



The Lone Bugler played the Last Post as Crosses were placed by various different Moth Members from the Different Shell Holes in the area and the Flag was lowered.

### **Remembrance Day 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021**



The turn out was well supported and the Service was conducted by the District Old Bill Brent Davis and took place at the Moth Hall for a Cross laying Ceremony.



**Last Buffalo Dixie Shell Hole Last Monthly Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021 In Civvies, followed by the draw for the Xmas Hampers and a first for the new Braai Area**



Hampers were drawn and the winners that were not present were contacted to fetch their Hampers from the Old Bill Jannie.



Old Bill standing very proudly in front of the New Braai area, District Adj. Raoul checking that his meat is not getting burnt.



The District Old Bill Brent Davis thanked the Electrical Contractor that did all of the wiring for the Project: Braai Area . The Indoor Braai it can be seen how large the area is for utilising the area for different fund raising functions.



The Official Opening of the Braai was held after the Remembrance Day parade at he Moth Hall and was attended by a bumper Crowd



Play Bill Don threatening to christen the Adjutant Haldane.

## The Building of the New Braai at the Moth Hall



Old Bill Jannie presenting Warren Nienaber the week-end away at Trenneries that he won on a lucky Draw at the Bikers Breakfast.



Supporting walls of Braai.



Throwing the base slab



Fitting of the Sliding doors at the Braai extensions. There are many people who were thanked by the Old Bill for work done at the braai alterations.



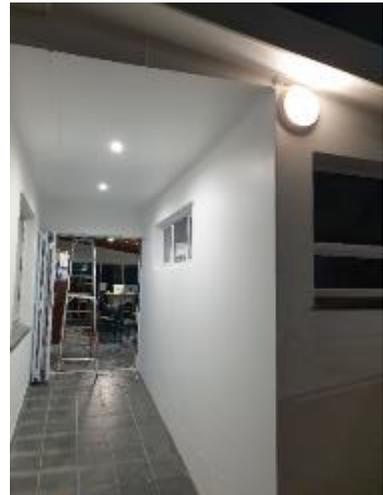
Next Level the Braai surface slab.



Closing the area under the Deck to make storage space for chairs and tables



Tiling and Plastering and first coat builder s white on plaster surface



Electric fitted and plugs and lights installed.



The Old Bill Jannie ( Clerk of Works) after 5 months of supervising checking if the Braai chimney draws correctly. A great job done by the Old Bill -well done.



Finally fires are burning and no smoke inside the building, great job the Team.



The Remembrance Day official Braai with most members removing No 1 and Medals for aprons. No one knows what Moth Clegg Naude has seen ??



District Old Bill Brent Davis thanks the Old Bill Jannie and Neil Ladwig for the work that they had done and Old Bill Jannie and Neil have a quiet moment.

### **Maintenance on Moth Hall**



The working group as can be seen, have lost enough weight for this past year's hard work so from all the Members of Buffalo Dixie Shell Hole in East London Stay Safe in 2022.

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